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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-63 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-63 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on 13 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/22/2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Desai et al (U.S. 6,820,204 B1).

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4. As per claims 22, 42 & 63 Desai disclosed presence information service management method for use by a server capable of communicating with plurality of users through their respective clients, comprising (col.5, lines 13-23): receiving an authorize presence primitive from an authorizing user authorizing access to selected presence information of said authorizing user (col.3, lines 42-67, col.4, lines 1-7 & col.18, lines 63-64), receiving an update primitive from an updating user, wherein said update presence primitive include one or more presence values to be updated (col.3, lines 45-49) , receiving a get presence primitive from a requesting user for requesting presence information of a requested user, to which a response including requested presence information is required or receiving a subscription presence primitive from a user for requesting presence information of the requested user, to which on going responses including requested presence information are required, determining if access to said presence information of the requested user has been authorized or pre-authorized and, if not, requesting authorization from the requested user, and if authorized or pre-authorized, providing a presence info primitive including said requested presence information of the requested user to the requesting, or info primitives including providing requested presence information on an on-going basis to said subscribing user, particularly after receiving an update of said presence information from said requested user (col.4, lines 44-61).

Additionally to elaborate on the claim interpretation, the terms used in the claims such “authorize presence primitive”, “update presence primitive”, “get presence primitive” and “ presence info primitive” are simply message commands used to conduct respective

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functionalities with respect to “presence primitive” (information related to the user profile). Also in addition, it is widely common for communications (to include voice/video/data) in an electronic network environment to be transmitted in the form of packets, datagrams or frames etc. For example, TCP/IP is a well-known communication protocol having a header that contains source and destination addresses along with additional fields that contain unique information about the transmitted packet.

Applicant on page 2, lines 20-21 of the specification states: “a data structure including a plurality of primitives, ...”. Also it is common for a data structure to have plurality of fields (primitives), which relate to specific information regarding the user for example, name, address, phone number, e-mail address etc (please see Desai, col.9, lines 1-18 & col.17, lines 43-67).

5. As per claims 1, 2, 18-21 & 62 Desai disclosed a data structure of claim 63 wherein the primitive is a get presence primitive provided by a client of a requesting user to a server to request presence information of a requested user, that the get presence primitive has various information elements including a requesting user identifier, a requested user identifier, and a list of presence values requested, and wherein the response to the get presence primitive a presence info primitive is provided by the server to the client of the requesting user, and that the presence info primitive has various information elements including the requested user identifier and a list of presence values supplied (col.3, lines 42-67 & col.4, lines 1-5)

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6. As per claims 6, 27 & 47 Desai disclosed the data structure of claim 1, wherein said presence information is classifiable in any one or more of the following: client reachability, user availability, user personal status, user or client location, and client capabilities (col.3, lines 42-67 & col.4, lines 1-5).

7. As per claims 23 & 43 Desai disclosed the presence information service management method of claim 22, wherein each of said presence information request messages comprises a primitive having various mandatory information elements including a message identifier, a transaction identifier, and an identification of a requested user (col.4, lines 44-61).

8. As per claims 17, 24 & 44 Desai disclosed the presence information service management method of claim 23, wherein said primitive has at least one optional information element comprising a list of presence values requested (col.17, lines 43-67).

9. As per claims 4, 25 & 45 Desai disclosed the presence information service management method of claim 22, wherein said step of requesting authorization from a requested user is carried out by means of an authorization message comprising a primitive having various mandatory information elements including a message identifier, an authorization request transaction identifier, a requesting user identifier and a list of presence values (col.3, lines 42-67 & col.4, lines 1-5).

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10. As per claims 5, 8, 26 & 46 Desai disclosed the presence information service management method of claim 22 wherein presence information is authorized by means of said authorization messages from authorizing users each comprising an authorization primitive having various mandatory information elements including a message identifier, an authorization request transaction identifier, a requesting user identifier, and a list of presence values (col.3, lines 42-67 & col.4, lines 1-5).

11. As per claims 3, 28 & 48 Desai disclosed the presence information service management method of claim 22, wherein a buddy list user maintains one or more buddy lists on a server for sending messages to one or more recipient users separately or to a whole buddy list, wherein the recipient users are not necessarily aware of the buddy list and cannot refer to the buddy list with any replies they make, and said buddy list user maintaining one or more buddy lists on said server is able to access buddy list presence information (col.8, lines 42-55 & col.28, lines 33-45)

12. As per claims 9-11, 13, 29 & 49 Desai disclosed the presence information service management method of claim 22, further comprising receiving join group primitives from member users joining a private user group, by presence primitives indicative of presence information of member users of said private user group to each member user upon joining said private user group but not after departing, and by providing group left primitives indicative of departed member users to remaining private user group member

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users upon receipt of leave group primitives indicative of said departing member users (col.3, lines 42-67 & col.4, lines 1-5).

13. As per claims 30 & 50 Desai disclosed the presence information service management method of claim 29, wherein member users are joined by said step of joining only if said join group message is preceded by a step of providing an invitation to join primitive to said joining member user (col.25, lines 46-48).

14. As per claims 12, 31 & 51 Desai disclosed the presence information service management method of claim 22, further comprising receiving a create group primitive from a member user creating a user group, said create group primitive having information elements indicative of identification of a client used by the user creating the user group, identification of the member user creating the user group, and a list of member users of the user group, by reporting to the member users with a group information primitive indicative of establishment of the user group and selected group information, and by permitting member users of the user group to interchange message primitives (col.3, lines 42-67 & col.4, lines 1-5)

15. As per claims 32 & 52 Desai disclosed the method of claim 31, further comprising receiving a request for group information from a requesting member user, and reporting to the requesting member user with a group information primitive indicative of selected group information (col.3, lines 42-67 & col.4, lines 1-5).

16. As per claims 16, 33 & 53 Desai disclosed the method of claim 31, further comprising: receiving a request to modify said user group from a requesting member user, and reporting to the requesting member user with a group information primitive indicative of selected group information (col.3, lines 42-67 & col.4, lines 1-5).

17. As per claims 14, 34 & 54 Desai disclosed the method of claim 31, further comprising receiving a request to delete said user group from a requesting member user, and by reporting to the member users with a status primitive indicative of disestablishment of said user group (col.3, lines 42-67 & col.4, lines 1-5).

18. As per claims 35 & 55 Desai disclosed the presence information service management method of claim 22, further comprising receiving a store content primitive from a storing user and storing any content conveyed in a content information element of said content primitive along with or according to information elements identifying said store content primitive, a store transaction, a storing user, a storing client used by said storing user, a group, properties of said content, and a header of said content, providing a content information primitive to member users in said group having information elements identifying said content information primitive, said store transaction, and said header, receiving a get content information primitive from a retrieving user in said group having information elements identifying said get content primitive, a retrieval transaction, the retrieving user, a retrieving client used by said retrieving user, and said group, and providing a receive content primitive to said retrieving user having

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information elements identifying said receive content primitive, said retrieval transaction, said group, said content, said header of said content, and having an information element containing shared content for storing among said member users (col.3, lines 42-67, col.4, lines 1-5 & col.8, lines 42-67)

19. As per claims 36 & 56 Desai disclosed the method of claim 29, further comprising: receiving a delete content primitive from a deleting user having information elements identifying said delete content primitive, a delete transaction, the deleting user, a deleting client used by said deleting user, said group, and content for deletion, and deleting said shared content (col.24, lines 3-19).

20. As per claims 37 & 57 Desai disclosed the presence information service management method of claim 22, further comprising: providing a content information primitive to a notified user from a server having information elements identifying said content information primitive, a store transaction, and a header, receiving a get content information primitive from said notified user having information elements identifying said get content primitive, a retrieval transaction, and said notified user, and providing a receive content primitive from said server to said notified client having information elements identifying said receive content primitive, said retrieval transaction, said header, and having an information element containing shared content (col.3, lines 42-67 & col.4, lines 1-5)

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21. As per claims 15, 38 & 58 Desai disclosed the method of claim 34 for adding to said shared content at said server by a storing user, further comprising: receiving a store content primitive at said server having content in an information element thereof for said adding to said shared content along with or according to information elements identifying said store content primitive, a store transaction, the storing user and a header (col.3, lines 35-67 & col.4, lines 1-67).

22. As per claims 39 & 59 Desai disclosed the method of claim 37 for deleting from said shared content at said server by a deleting user, further comprising: receiving a delete content primitive from said deleting user at said server, said primitive having information elements identifying said delete content primitive, a delete transaction, the deleting user and content for deletion (col.24, lines 3-19).

23. As per claims 8, 40 & 60 Desai disclosed the presence information service management method of claim 22, further comprising an exception management method for use in exception handling of a transaction by a user or server in responding to a request by said server or said user, respectively, said exception management method comprising: providing a status primitive in said responding to said request for indicating success or failure of said transaction as well as further information contained in information elements of said status primitive, and receiving said status primitive in said requesting server or said requesting user for recognizing said indication of success or failure (col.3, lines 35-67 & col.4, lines 1-67).

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24. As per claims 41 & 61 Desai disclosed the method of claim 40, wherein said information elements include a message identifier, a transaction identifier, and a status value indicative of said success or failure(col.3, lines 35-67 & col.4, lines 1-67).

25. As per claim 18 Desai disclosed a device having means for at least temporarily storing a data structure for transmission or reception, wherein said data structure is according to claim 1 (col.17, lines 43-67).

26. As per claim 19 Desai disclosed a system having at least one server able to communicate with a plurality of devices, wherein a communication protocol is used between the at least one server and the plurality of devices with a data structure according to claim 1 (col.33, lines 7-28).

27. As per claim 20 Desai disclosed the system of claim 19, wherein said presence values have associated space and time information useable by said at least one server to modify said presence values or related presence values (col.3, lines 35-67 & col.4, lines 1-67).

28. As per claim 21 Desai disclosed the system of claim 20, wherein said presence values have a validity attribute associated to said space and time information ((col.3, lines 35-67 & col.4, lines 1-67).

Response to Arguments

29. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-63 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Asghar Bilgrami whose telephone number is 571-272-3907. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3924. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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